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In re Application of:)

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For: ELEMENT ROUTING METHOD
AND APPARATUS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 10, 12, and 21 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of designing a system including an element, wherein
the element connects a plurality of components, the method comprising:

establishing a system design including the plurality of components;

generating a diagram associated with the system design, wherein the diagram
includes the element and the plurality of components;

establishing guidelines for designing the system; and

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